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A BETTER CHANCE IN DARIEN

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FOR THE FRIENDS OF ABC

Our ABC house is now established, with the students, the resident director, and the tutor all under one roof. This is a time of thanksgiving, and a time for congratulations to everyone who has put out so much loving effort to make this possible. Plaudits go to the following people:

First of all, to the girls, Kathy, La Rose, Orgylyn, Rosa, Toni, and Elizabeth, who have demonstrated the fact that strength of character and good spirits can see you through all sorts of changes and challenges.

Next to the Home Families-- the Pages, the Peppets and the Sylvias-- who have opened up their homes and their hearts to the girls to get the program started.

And to the McCarthys and Leonard Krill, who have lived for weeks on the edge of uncertainty, meanwhile carrying out new responsibilities with compassion and practical wisdom.

To Kerry Mayers and her fantastic band of volunteers, who finished and refinished the interior, and who, along with Karen Armour and Anne Cotter of the House Committee, somehow rounded up things to comfortably furnish the house from top to bottom.

To Marilyn Aymar and all the drivers; they have managed pickups and delivery endlessly this fall.

To Don Evers and Mike Armstrong, our finance co-chairmen, who led us and a regiment of campaign workers to a victorious conclusion of our initial fund drive.

To the donors who have made all this possible.

To Gil Lefferts and the people at Olson Wood who expertly remodeled the house.

To the Host Families who are enriching the lives of our students on a regular basis.

To the officers, board members, and committee of ABC of Darien, including the hardworking Publicity Committee, the Building Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Controller and the Treasurer.

To the faculty and students of Darien High School.

To Sam Fogal and the members of the Congregational Church.

To Suzanne Albani, our skillful legal counsel.

And most of all to Anne Kimball, whose vision, energy and persistence have made working on this project a joy for all of us.

I'm sure we'll have problems ahead, but we can rejoice at the moment that we're off to a good start.

Herbert West, President of ABC

P.S. Our ABC girls are interested in baby sitting on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please call 655-6996 after 4:00 P.M.

P.P.S. If you have not yet supported ABC financially or would like to increase your gift, please mail your tax deductable donation to ABC, P.O. Box 3204, Darien, Ct., 06820.